

MINUTES
EAU CLAIRE CITY COUNCIL LEGISLATIVE MEETING

Tuesday, November 23, 2021

City Council Chamber

4:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND ROLL CALL

Council President Weld called the meeting to order. The following Council Members were present in-person: Jill Christopherson, Jeremy Gragert, Kate Beaton and Terry Weld. The following Council Members were present remotely: Emily Anderson, Emily Berge, Catherine Emmanuelle, Roderick Jones, David Klinkhammer, John Lor and Andrew Werthmann.

UPDATE

Update by Acting Interim City Manager Winzenz regarding City operations and local response during the COVID-19 pandemic.

CONSENT AGENDA

The Council considered a resolution adopting the Consent Agenda for the following items of routine business on Tuesday, November 23, 2021:

- Adopting the Consent Agenda.
- Approving the Minutes of the November 9, 2021 Council Legislative Session.
- Granting new bartender licenses.
- Granting a Class B Fermented Malt Beverage and a Class C Wine license to The Lunchbox EC, LLC, d/b/a The Kitchen EC, 800 Wisconsin Street, Suite 210, Colleen Weber, agent.
- Approving the renewal of the Municipal Animal Control Agreement with the Eau Claire County Humane Association, Inc. for 2022-2023.

Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Anderson and seconded by Council Member Beaton “to adopt the consent resolution.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT CONSTRUCTION ENCROACHMENTS

The Children’s Museum

The City Council considered a resolution granting a permanent encroachment to Parcel No. 08-0033-B and 08-0043 at 214 Barstow Street for building, stoop & overhang encroachments and bay window encroachment along Barstow and Galloway Streets related to the Children’s Museum of Eau Claire. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Berge and seconded by Council Member Christopherson “to adopt the resolution.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

The City Council considered a resolution granting a temporary encroachment at 126 N. Barstow Street for a sidewalk closure on Galloway Street and N. Barstow Street adjacent to the Children's Museum of Eau Claire's construction site. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Emmanuelle and seconded by Council Member Gragert "to adopt the resolution." Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

The Andante

The City Council considered a resolution granting a temporary encroachment at 100 N. Farwell Street for a sidewalk closure on N. Farwell Street and N. Barstow Street adjacent to The Andante construction site. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Jones and seconded by Council Member Klinkhammer "to adopt the resolution." Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

L.E. Phillips Memorial Public Library

The City Council considered a resolution granting a temporary encroachment at 400 Eau Claire Street for a sidewalk closure on Dewey Street adjacent to the L.E. Phillips Memorial Public Library construction site. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Lor and seconded by Council Member Werthmann "to adopt the resolution." Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

Transit Transfer Center

The City Council considered a resolution granting a temporary encroachment at 402 S. Farwell Street for street and sidewalk closures on Main Street, Gray Street and Farwell Street adjacent to the Transit Transfer Center construction site. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Anderson and seconded by Council Member Beaton "to adopt the resolution." Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

Wilson Square

The City Council considered a resolution granting a temporary encroachment at 720 S. Farwell Street for sidewalk closures on Seaver Street, Emery Street and S. Farwell Street adjacent to the Wilson Square construction site. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Berge and seconded by Council Member Christopherson "to adopt the resolution." Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

RDA DEVELOPMENT – CANNERY DISTRICT

The City Council considered a resolution approving a Development and Purchase Agreement with P&R Properties, Twin Ports LLC for Redevelopment Authority Property located at 2000 Oxford Avenue in the Cannery Redevelopment District. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Emmanuelle and seconded by Council Member Gragert "to adopt the resolution." Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

SCHEDULE OF FEES & LICENSES

The City Council considered a resolution amending the City of Eau Claire Schedule of Fees and Licenses effective January 1, 2022. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Jones and seconded by Council Member Klinkhammer “to adopt the resolution.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

TAX LEVIES & TAX RATES

The City Council considered a substitute resolution establishing the 2021 tax levies for taxes collectible in 2022 and setting the tax roll for all governmental units within the City of Eau Claire. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Lor and seconded by Council Member Werthmann “to adopt the resolution.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

The City Council considered a substitute resolution levying tax rates for all taxable real and personal property in the 2021 tax roll of the City of Eau Claire located in Eau Claire and Chippewa Counties. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Anderson and seconded by Council Member Beaton “to adopt the resolution.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

WATER UTILITY RATE

The City Council considered a resolution authorizing an application to the Wisconsin Public Service Commission for a Water Utility rate increase. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Berge and seconded by Council Member Christopherson “to adopt the resolution.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING GRANT

The City Council considered a resolution authorizing an affordable housing grant in the amount of \$307,300 to the highest scoring proposal. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Emmanuelle and seconded by Council Member Gragert “to adopt the resolution.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

ZONING

The Council considered an ordinance rezoning property located on Menomonie Street west of 10th Avenue from I-2 and P to C-3P and to adopt the general development plan for commercial and future development with a final site plan for a multi-use recreation and event center known as the Sonnentag Project (Z-1704-21). Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Jones and seconded by Council Member Klinkhammer “to adopt the ordinance.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

ZONING

The City Council had first reading on an ordinance rezoning property located on Oxford Avenue from I-1 to CBDP and to adopt the general development plan for mixed use buildings (Z-1703-21).

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned without objection.

Adjournment: November 23, 2021

Time: 5:57 p.m.

ATTEST:

/s/ Terry L. Weld
Council President

/s/ Nicholas L. Koerner
Deputy City Clerk